

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 14-38, 42-56, and 58-59, and 61 were pending in the present application. Claims 9, 12, 24, 36, 43, 53, and 58 were amended. As a result of this amendment, Claims 1-12, 14-38, 42-56, and 58-59, and 61 are pending in the present application. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested in light of the accompanying remarks.

The rejection of claims 24, 25, 36-38, 42-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite has been overcome. Claims 24, 36, and 43 have been amended to correct the amount of glycidyl ether. Applicant submits that the claims are definite, and respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

The objection to claims 53-54 has been overcome. Claim 53 has been amended to add the suggested language. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

The rejection of claim 9, 11, 15, 58-59, and 61 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Whiting in view of Hartman has been overcome. Claim 58 has been amended to require that the hardener component include “an amide selected from polyamides and mixtures thereof.” Neither Whiting nor Hartman, alone or in combination, suggest a hardener including the claimed amine and amide.

In addition, with respect to claim 11, the examiner stated that “these limitations are not required because: (11) the scope of the amine is open to the entire list set forth in claim 61. . . .” However, claim 61 recites that the amine of claim 58 “is an unmodified aliphatic amine,” and claim 11 further specifies that “the unmodified aliphatic amine is a diethylene glycol di(aminopropyl) ether base unmodified aliphatic amine.” Thus, the scope of claim 11 is not open to the entire list set forth in claim 61.

Therefore, claims 9, 11, 15, 58-59, and 61 would not have been obvious to one of skill in the art at the time the invention was made over Whiting and Hartman.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-8, 14, 16-23, 26-35, 55, and 56.

CONCLUSION

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Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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